

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A suspension comprising

- A) at least one oxidation-sensitive substance selected from the group consisting of carotenoids, retinoids and unsaturated fatty acids and
- B) solid particles of one or more salts of ascorbic acid

in a dispersant ~~in which the~~ wherein ~~one or more~~ salts of ascorbic acid are insoluble.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A suspension as claimed in claim 1, comprising

- A) 0.1 to 40% by weight of one or more oxidation-sensitive substances selected from the group consisting of carotenoids, retinoids and unsaturated fatty acids and
- B) 1 to 50% by weight of one or more salts of ascorbic acid,

where the % by weight ~~data~~ are based on the total amount of ~~the~~ said suspension.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A suspension as claimed in ~~either of claims 1 or 2~~ claim 1, comprising

- A) at least one retinoid and
- B) solid particles of one or more alkali metal and/or alkaline earth metal salts of ascorbic acid.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A suspension as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, comprising said as component B) solid particles of one or more salts of ascorbic acid

~~wherein the average particle size of said solid particles of one or more salts of ascorbic acid is in the range from 0.01 to 1000  $\mu\text{m}$ .~~

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A suspension as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, comprising retinol and at least one alkali metal and/or alkaline earth metal salt of ascorbic acid.

Claim 6 (Original): A suspension as claimed in claim 5, comprising sodium ascorbate and retinol.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A suspension as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 6~~, additionally claim 1, further comprising  $\alpha$ -tocopherol.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A suspension as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1, wherein ~~the said dispersant in which the salts of ascorbic acid are insoluble~~ is an oil suitable for use capable of being utilized in cosmetics and in human or animal nutrition.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A suspension as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 8~~, additionally claim 1, further comprising at least one desiccant, at least one thickener, and/or at least one surface-active agent, or mixtures thereof.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A process for preparing [[a]] said suspension as defined claimed in claim 1, which comprises

- a) grinding solid particles of one or more salts of ascorbic acid in a dispersant ~~in which the salts of ascorbic acid are insoluble~~ until the average particle size is

from 0.01 to 1000  $\mu\text{m}$ , wherein said one or more salts of ascorbic are insoluble in said dispersant, and

optionally adding said one or more it being possible to add the oxidation-sensitive substance(s) selected from the group consisting of carotenoids, retinoids and unsaturated fatty acids to the dispersant before, during or after the said grinding, or

b) grinding solid particles of one or more salts of ascorbic acid ~~without using a continuous phase~~ until the average particle size is from 0.01 to 1000  $\mu\text{m}$ , and then

suspending the ground particles in a dispersant ~~in which the~~ wherein said one or more salts of ascorbic acid are insoluble, ~~it being possible to add the~~ and optionally adding said one or more oxidation-sensitive substance(s) selected from the group consisting of carotenoids, retinoids and unsaturated fatty acids to the dispersant before, during or after the suspending of the solid ascorbate particles.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): ~~The use of solid particles of one or more salts of ascorbic acid as antioxidants for~~ A method of reducing oxidation of one or more oxidation-sensitive substances selected from the group consisting of carotenoids, retinoids and unsaturated fatty acids, in a dispersant in which the salts of ascorbic acid are insoluble said method comprising mixing solid particles of one or more salts of ascorbic acid with said one or more oxidation-sensitive substances.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The ~~use~~ method as claimed in claim 11, ~~in which~~ wherein the average particle size of ~~the~~ said solid particles is in the range from 0.01 to 1000  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The ~~use~~ method as claimed in ~~either of claims 11 or 12, which includes claim 11, further comprising mixing  $\alpha$ -tocopherol as additional, oil-soluble antioxidant.~~

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): ~~The use of suspensions as defined in any of claims 1 to 9 as addition to A method of reducing oxidation of a human feeds food, and an animal feeds feed, a pharmaceutical preparation or a pharmaceuticals and cosmetic preparations preparation, said method comprising mixing said suspension as claimed in claim 1 with said human food, said animal feed, said pharmaceutical or said cosmetic preparation.~~

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The ~~use~~ method as claimed in claim 14, wherein said suspension is mixed with said animal feed as addition to feed in animal nutrition.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The ~~use~~ method as claimed in claim 15, wherein said for application to animal feed is in the form of one or more pellets.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The ~~use~~ method as claimed in claim 16, wherein the animal feed said one or more pellets are loaded mixed with the oily said suspension under a reduced pressure.